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DEATH OF SPY DEMANDED $30,000,000 OAKLAND JOB

German Subs Shell England— Peace Move Deadlocked—Italians Win Battle—New Draft Law— Wires

ASK FOR DEATH OF GERMAN SPY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—A concerted demand that Walter Spoerman, German spy, friend of Count von Bernstorf and reputed paid agent of Captain Boy-Ed, face a firing squad, came from army and navy circles today.

Spoerman, officers who know all of the facts declare, was one of the chief agents of the Kaiser in the United States.

UNION IRON WORKS GETS BIG CONTRACT

The Oakland inner harbor has jumped over night into prominence as the greatest seat of shipbuilding in the United States, if not in the world.

Contracts signed yesterday in Washington call for the immediate construction by the Union Iron Works of $30,000,000 worth of steel ships.

This enormous amount, added to the present contracts of the Union Iron Works, on the $50,000,000 contracts granted to the Moore & Scott shipyards recently totals close to $100,000,000 in funds for actual construction at the two plants.

The Union Iron Works' contract were granted yesterday by the United States shipping board at Washington. Authorization was appended for the local concern to add four more ships to its Alameda plant.

This is taken to mean an indirect official sanction to unhindered construction of the bascule bridge across the Oakland estuary.

Officials of the Union Iron Works estimate that 6,000 additional men will be required to take care of their new contracts.

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO TAKE MEN OF 21

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. — Immediate registration of all men who have become 21 since June 5, 1917, was proposed today in a resolution introduced by Senator Chamberlain, Oregon. Secretary of War Baker indorsed the bill in a letter to Chamberlain.

The resolution would add 500,000 men to the national army, it is estimated.

GERMANS LOSE IN BIG BATTLE

ROME, Jan. 15.—"Considerable advance" was achieved by Italian troops from Osteriallepre, at the head of the Cesilla valley, despite bitter enemy resistance, today's official statement reported.

The Italian offensive was undertaken to rectify the line and the enemy's attempt to stop the advance resulted in very heavy losses to him. Eight officers and 283 men were taken prisoners.

Around Monte Solarolo and Caposile, Italian trops extended their hold on a bridgehead and repulsed repeated counter attacks.

DEADLOCK IN RUSS-GERMAN PEACE MOVE

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—The Russo-German peace negotiations are apparently dead-locked again today, according to dispatches received from Brest-Litovsk via Berlin. The German delegates still insist on the central powers retaining their grip on occupied territory in Russia.

Following General Hoffmann's refusal for the central powers to evacuate Courland, Lithuania and Riga for technical administrative reasons, the entire peace sitting adjourned. The date for possible resumption was not fixed.

GERMAN SUBS SHELL YARMOUTH

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Yarmouth was bombarded from the sea during the night, Lord French, director of home defense, reported today.

Twenty shells were hurled into the port. Three were killed and ten injured. The damage was not serious. French declared. The bombardment continued for five minutes. It is thought that several modern submarines conducted the attack.

SENATE DEFEATS PRINT PAPER CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. — An amendment to the pending resolution for government control of news print paper, which would have placed authority with the President, was defeated today in the Senate, which voted to place the power entirely with the Federal Trade Commission. Another vote will be necessary before the resolution finally is passed.

NEW JUNK SHOP

A new junk shop, to be called the Richmond Junk Company, will open at 224 Macdonald avenue this morning. The man who will have charge of the place has had much experience in the junk line and will be prepared to buy at the best prices your old clothes, papers and general junk.

GERMAN AVIATORS PICK OUT AMERICANS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 15.—Enemy air raiders are showing an increased interest in the American aviation centers, especially those nearest the lines.

During one of the most recent incursions, the German airplanes descended to within 200 feet of the ground, endeavoring to make sure that the several bombs which they dropped should hit their targets which in most cases were buildings in which men were billeted. Luckily the German aim was poor, for no Americans were killed.

Another German machine which flew over the position later dropped a bomb from a higher altitude at a hangar. The bomb missed its mark but dug a great hole in the adjoining field.

GREAT SHIPBUILDING ASSURED AT MARTINEZ

The Pacific Coast Shipbuilding Company this week awarded two construction contracts totaling $500,000 to two San Francisco firms. Work will be started within a fortnight on these two big jobs.

Dirt is flying in the construction of the Pacific Coast Shipbuilding plant, five miles out of Martinez. Within a month 500 men will be at work on the buildings and the seven launching ways, of which four are to be rushed to immediate completion, and it is expected that by March the first work may be under way on the building of ships.

When the $1,500,000 plant is finished, between 3000 and 4000 men will be employed, according to John T. Scott, general superintendent of the company. Ten steamers of 9,500 tons deadweight each have already been contracted for as a part of the U. S. merchant fleet.

Man Is Caught Stealing Clothing

A man who gave his name as Whalen was caught in the act of walking away with nine flannel shirts belonging to Victor Lindahl, by Officer Messenger shortly before 5 p. m. yesterday. Lindah lives in a small house near Ninth street, on Cutting boulevard, and is employed by the Richmond Dredger Company. Whalen had entered the house and carried out and hid about $75 worth of clothing and was returning from another trip when he was caught.

The police say it is possible that Whalen is one of the gang who has been doing the holdup stunts and the petty larceny stunts that have bothered them for some time past. Whalen gave three different names at first, and is being held to find which is right. He has a criminal record in San Francisco, it is said.

Superintendent F. E. Beck, of the Pullman Company, was visited yesterday afternoon by 100 members of the local Red Cross for an inspection of the new Red Cross car now being equipped at the Pullman shops.

The Red Cross rooms at Ninth and Macdonald were open last night for the convenience of those who cannot work in the day time. The room will be open every Tuesday night in the future. It is well lighted and heated. More women are needed.

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LOCAL LADS IN MIXUP WITH S. F. GERMANS

Soldiers and Sailors Turn Hof-Brau Cafe Upside Down

Yesterday the Hof Brau cafe in San Francisco was the scene of a nea riot, in which the police had to be called in and considerable damage was done to the place, as well as to the faces and anotomies of the many German attendants there.

Several Richmond young men were mixed up in the fracas, but have asked that they be left out of the publicity, as they did not start it but only helped out more or less when the opportunity to get a punch in on the Kaiser was too good to be resisted.

The mele started by a bevy of soldiers and sailors asking the musical director of the Hof Brau to play "Over There." To this he replied that they certainly had a nerve to come into a German place like that, and ask for war music of that nature to be played. He refused to play the

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Masons Banquet At Inaugural

Alpha Lodge of Masons held the largest meeting of the season last night in Bank Hall when City Councilman James N. Long was elected Worshipful Master for the coming year. Grand Lecturer Thomas J. Baker of San Francisco delivered the oration of the evening and Frank J. Gardner, the retiring Master, was in charge of the ceremonies. A large delegation from the Pinole lodge was present and took part in the ceremonies.



James N. Long

A turkey banquet, with all the trimmings, was served to the 200 people present, after the business, by a committee taken from the Acantha Chapter, order of the Eastern Star. Those serving were Mesdames F. J. Gardner, who was chairman of the committee, J. N. Long, C. C. Olney, H. Galvin, Zeb Knott, Rose Michell, E. N. Thayer, H. A. Stiver, H. E. Slattery, J. B. Hill, James Lane, G. A. Barber, S. B. Kurtz, J. Debarrows.

BRITISH LABOR BACK RUSSIANS

LONDON, Jan. 15. — The British Labor party in a message to the Russian people made public today announced that the British people accepted the Russian principle of self-determination of peoples and no annexations for the British empire, particularly in Africa and India.

In its message the party declares in favor of placing the whole of tropical Africa under uniform international control. The more rapid development of self-government for India is promised and a protectorate for the peoples of Asia Minor by an international organization to be constituted by the peace conference is favored.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HAS PLENTY OF COAL

According to the following interesting communication, which we find in the Antioch Ledger, there is no good reason for a coal shortage in Richmond or Contra Costa county. This is a matter which should be taken up and inestigated, as this city has been on short rations of coal for a long time, and it may get worse. If the contentions of this writer are true, then there is big money for somebody to be made by mining and marketing local coal:

"The hue and cry of a coal famine or shortage for the bay counties is altogether unnecessary when the mountains and hills in the vicinity of Antioch and the growing city of Pittsburg, filled with coal are so close to the center of large manufacturing enterprises.

"Hon. C. M. Belshaw of Antioch, is probably the best posted man on the coal question in the state of California, as far as the raw material is concerned. His financial and commercial experience with that mineral would no doubt be of great value to the people of the state at the present time.

"The writer, and every other old resident of Antioch, is aware of how loaded wagons of coal, good for any purpose, were hauled from Somersville and Nortonville, in the early 60's, to Antioch, and used for fuel and also burned on the fast steamers plying the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers betwen the Flour Mill City of Stockton and the Capitol City of Sacramento, engaged in the freight and passenger business to San Francisco.

"The coal was used for steamers and household purpose to the satisfaction of consumers and can be again placed on the market for the relief of the high cost of fuel if the "Hooverizers" will but look around for a substitute that will benefit the poor families in the large and prosperous bay and valley cities. Now is the time to "try out" economy and the coal mines of Contra Costa county is the place to begin on a most important and very necessary product.

"The coal from the Empire and Stewartsville mines south of Antioch can relieve a coal famine any time and transportation by wagon and boats could not cause railroad congestion.

"This is a subject of vital importance to the whole country at the present time and some agitation on the coal question would attract the attention of housewives and manufacturers, who are now being forced to pay exorbitant prices for coal and other life sustaining commodities."

When it comese to real news the NEWS LEADS and the others follow.

GRAND JURY MAKES FINAL REPORT WITH COURT

Recommends Permanent Concrete Roads and Bridges—Little Fault to Find With County Officials

The Grand Jury has filed its report for the year with Judge McKenzie's superior court, and the following is a synopsis of the same:

ROADS—We have thoroughly investigated the roads and highways of the county as to present condtion, method of construction and the cost of same.

We find there has been spent on the highways and bridges of the county for the fiscal year the sum of $515,881.65, of this amount only about one-third has been spent on permanent construction, the rest being largely spent on dirt and gravel roads and wooden bridges and we believe that great part of this money so spent on the upkeep of dirt roads is a waste of time and money.

We therefore, most heartily endorse the present scheme of concrete road building and urge the continuance of the same until all of the main roads or thoroughfares are improved.

COUNTY OFFICES—We find that all of the county offices are conducted in a creditable manner with the exception of a few minor things which might be called loose ends.

The present system of furnishing meals to the County Jail prisoners should be improved so a more accurate account could be kept and verified.

We urge the need of additional and separate cells be provided for the felony and murder cases of minor offense as the law requires.

The method of making claims against the county for mileage and auto hire by the county officials, using either personally owned or county owned autos, we find very unsatisfactory and we urge the adoption of some method whereby such claims for mileage could be checked and verified.

COUNTY HOSPITAL—We find the county hospital, managed in a very creditable and up-to-date manner and everything in a first-class condition.

We believe the charges made in both rooms and wards to pay patients entirely too low, and we believe that it is taken advantage of by the public to the detriment of the taxpayers.

We suggest that the Superintendent be given power to regulate these charges to his own judgment, and discretion, with the object in view of making those who are able to pay at least the actual cost of services rendered.

COURT HOUSE—We recommend that the Supervisors make such changes in the heating system of the Court House and jail as will eliminate the present extravagant and expensive fuel bills.

In conclusion we would ask that a copy of the most important if not the whole of the expert accountant's report be printed in some economical form for free distribution to the general public through the hands of the justices of the pease in their respective districts.

With these observations and recommendations, we submit our report.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI BOSWELL, Foreman.
W. E. STEWART, Secretary.

Pinole Suspect Being Investigated

The actions of a Pinole resident, a registrant and a man who has lived in this country for several years is under investigation by the U. S. Department of Justice. The man's name is Pieter Bootsma. The following dispatch from San Francisco gives the facts of the case:

A burglar betrayed Pieter Bootsma, held today as a German spy suspect.

Bootsma complained to the police that his room had been robbed. Later policemen found his stolen clothing in a vacant lot where the thief had discarded it.

In the pockets were I. W. W. membership cards and receipts showing his dues paid since 1913, and a passport, issued by the Dutch consul here December 26 last, permitting Bootsma to roam America at will.

The passport says he is a Dutch subject, but the police claim he talks with a German accent and they want to know why he obtained the passport after he had been in the country several years without finding one necessary.

Infant Morality Low In Richmond

The report made by City Health Officer Blake recently for the month of December, showed a remarkably low death rate for infants and children under two years of age. Dr. Blake states this is due to the uniform and high quality of the milk sold in Richmond by the local dairies.

An interesting fact in connection with this matter is that the City Health Department has received letters from all parts of the United States inquiring as to the methods of handling he milk distribution in this city. These letters have been carefully answered, and it is probable that other municipalities will adopt the methods used here.

While the state pasteurizing law tends to put the small milkman out of business, as a result a much higher grade of milk is sold, and the death rate among babies has been materially reduced.

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The Editor Says:

EXPLANATIONS IN ORDER

There seems to be a tendency on the part of the state press to let the controversy between Neylan and Governor Stephens drop as a personal scrap. It is more than that, and should be explained. The people have a right to know. If Governor Stephens and his administrative officers are a bunch of crooks, as Neylan says, in effect, then it should be either proved or disproved. The people are not interested in what Governor Stephens or Mr. Neylan think of each other, politically or any other way, but they are interested in knowing whether or not political graft is going on which costs the taxpayers millions of dollars each year, or not.

Neylan has said that Bill Hammel, sheriff of Los Angeles County, has grafted thousands of dollars from the state treasury, and that Governor Stephens helped him to do it, as a political play. Now, this is either true or false, and Governor Stephens owes it not only to the people but to himself to clear up the accusation, and so far he has not done it. He says Mr. Neylan is actuated by political prejudices. That all may be so, and still it does not clear up that dirty charge of theft and grafting. It is not a matter of what actuates Mr. Neylan—it is a matter of whether the charge is true or not.

This is a very serious matter. Our governor stands charged by a former high official of acts little less than criminal, and it is up to him to bring about a showdown.

The project being worked by the Hearst papers for the people of this country to rebuild the cities of France does not appeal to us a little bit. The Kaiser ruined those cities of France and he should be made to rebuild them, and should be hammered good and hard until he gets busy doing it, if it takes years more of war. It is not up to us to make good the ruin wrought by Germany, not, at least, until we first fail in making them do it themselves, which we are not going to do. And in the meantime the money is needed vastly more in feeding the starving and paying necessary expenses.

It is said 2,000,000 French Canadians have moved into the United States from Canada, to avoid conscription. If this be true, then Uncle Sam should move them right back again, and p. d. q. at that.

The market report says there has been a lull in poultry since the holidays. We suspect there has been more or less a lull in everything for sale due to the post-Christmas flatness of the individual pocket book.

LAWYERS' UNION WANTS RAISE

Federal judges receive the paltry wage of $19 per day, or $6000 per year. Supreme court judges in New York have a stipend of $54 per day, or $17,000 a year. The executive committee of the American Bar Association (in plain English, the Lawyers' Union) at its meeting January 5 at Philadelphia recommended a substantial increase in pay for federal judges. The matter was referred to a sub-committee, of which Senator Sutherland is chairman. It is now up to some of our "esteemed contemporaries" to call the attention of the government to his demand being made by the Lawyers' Union as a treasonable act. Any increase in wages at this time interferes with the government war program. —Stockton Labor Review.

A magnate of Pittsburg wants permission to import Coolies from China to work at common labor around his steel mills. He is the man who deserted the good wife that stuck by him when he was poor, and spent five or six millions on a fat-legged footlight favorite. It is things like him who can be expected to want to import pauper labor to keep from paying Americans a living wage.

Somehow we feel like a slacker. Here we are a young fellow with only six grandchildren, and Uncle Sam won't have us around the front at all—says we are a back number, or words to that effect. What's a fellow to do, when he is only old in years and still a young chap in mind and spirit? We can do lots of useful things yet—could drive a six-horse team, at a pinch, having once been an expert at it. Seems like there ought to be some sort of an opening.

An Egyptologist declares that in recent excavations near the Nile he found some eggs that were laid before the reign of Rameses. As an eggspert of acknowledged standing we are much interested in this announcement, but we still contend that for food purposes eggs which antedate the siege of Troy are not desirable.

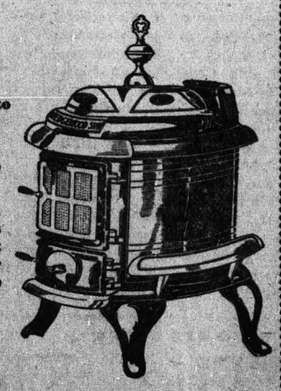
If we are informed accurately that "bolsheviki" means "we want more," then we must confess we become rather bolsheviskish where the fried steak and hot biscuits are.

The German terms are not agreeable to Trotzky. Still, Trotzky must admit that Germany, in offering the terms she did, had every reason to regard him a plain, pale blue fool.

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Notice is hereby given that I have received from the Auditor of Contra Costa County the Duplicate assessment book for the fiscal year 1916-1917, and

That the taxes on all personal property secured by real property, and one-half of the taxes on real property, will be due and payable on the

Third Monday in October, 1917, and will be delinquent on the first Monday in December next thereafter, at six o'clock p. m., and that unless paid prior thereto fifteen per cent will be added to the amount thereof, and that if said one-half be not paid before the

Last Monday in April, 1918, at six o'clock p. m., an additional five per cent will be added thereto. The remaining one-half of the taxes on all real property will be payable on and after the

First Monday in January, 1918, and will be delinquent on the

Last Monday in April, next thereafter, at six o'clock p. m., and unless paid prior thereto, five per cent will be added to the amount thereof.

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Minds of some people are as littered with bunc as their yards are with junk.

Modern cross-examination is meant to make a witness tell a lie, and not the truth.

How religiously people grumble at a man who has money and knows how to keep it.

There is the greatest excitement in church when the collection plate makes its rounds with a bill on it.

The world should have adopted our Declaration of Independence as a New Year resolution.

A lot of fellows are under suspicion now that didn't used to be—they are newlyweds. We old chaps got used to it long ago.

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"The Contra Costa County Building Trades Council assembled in regular session and in due appreciation of the fact that the "Richmond News" is favorable to the cause of Organized Labor, and has shown by its course and policies that such is the case requests of its members and all who are affiliated or friendly with Organized Labor in Richmond, that they subscribe for and become readers of the "Richmond News," thus giving it their moral and financial support. "The Building Trades Council also appreciates the advertising and other patronage given the "Richmond News" by the citizens and business men of Richmond as being deserved, and hopes to see that patserved and hopes to see that patronage largely increased for the coming the coming year of 1918.

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Richmond, Dec. 19, 1917.

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NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT
No. 331

Pursuant to Statute and to Resolution of Award No. 331 of the City Council of the City of Richmond, directing this notice:

NOTICE is hereby given that said City Council, in open session on the 14th day of January, 1918, publicly opened, examined and declared all sealed bids or proposals offered for the following work, towit:

That FIFTEENTH STREET, from Clinton Avenue to the northerly line of the Brown Andrade Tract, be graded to the official grades; paved with a five (5) inch cement concrete base and a paint coat wearing surface of asphalt and broken rock; that curbs, gutters, sidewalks, wing walls and portals of cement concrete, culverts of corrugated iron or steel and cement concrete, catch basins of cement concrete with cast iron tops, and curb bars of galvanized steel, be constructed thereon, and that portions of the existing curb and roadway at the intersection of Clinton Avenue and Fifteenth Street be torn out and replaced with cement concrete sidewalks and curbs.

That all or said work shall be done at the places and in the manner and of the materials as specified, set forth, and shown on the plans and specifications for said work adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, by its Resolution Adopting Plans and Specifications No. 321, passed and adopted by said Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of December, 1917, and now on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Richmond, reference to said plans and specifications being hereby especially made.

Excepting, however, from all the aforedescribed work such portion as is required by law to be kept in order and repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon; and also excepting from all the afore-described work any portion thereof already done to the official lines and grades and constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications herein mentioned.

And the said Council of the City of Richmond does hereby determine and declare that said proposed work and improvement is of more than local or ordinary public benefit, and will affect and benefit the lands and district hereinafter described, which said district is hereby declared to be the district benefitted by said work and improvement; and that therefore the entire costs, charges and expenses of said work and improvement shall be and is hereby made chargeable against and shall be assessed upon said lands and district, which district is within the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California, and is bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the southwesterly corner of Lot 8, Block 9 of the Richmond Boulevard Tract, as said Lot 8, Block 9 is shown on Map entitled "Final Amended Map No 4 of the Richmond Boulevard Tract" filed in the office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, on October 31, 1904, and running thence in direct lines as follows: Northerly to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 9; thence westerly to the southwesterly corner of Lot 17, said Block 9; thence northerly to the northwesterly corner of Lot 14, Block 18, of the Brown Andrade Tract, as said Lot 15, Block 18 is shown on map entitled "Map of Brown Andrade Tract" filed in the office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, on April 5, 1906; thence northeasterly to the southwesterly corner of Lot 10, Block 19, said Brown Andrade Tract; thence northerly to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 10; thence westerly to the southwesterly corner of Lot 30, said Block 19; thence northerly to the northwesterly corner of Lot 10, Block 21, said Brown Andrade Tract; thence easterly to the northeasterly corner of Lot 9, Block 17, said Brown Andrade Tract; thence southerly to the southeasterly corner of Lot 9, Block 15, said Brown Andrade Tract; thence southwesterly to the northeasterly corner of Lot 4, Block 14, said Brown Andrade Tract; thence southerly to the southeasterly corner of Lot 9, Block 11, of the aforesaid Richmond Boulevard Tract; thence westerly to the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, said Block 11; thence southerly to the southeasterly corner of said Lot 1; thence westerly to the aforesaid southwesterly corner of Lot 8, Block 9 of the Richmond Boulevard Tract, and point of commencement

Being all in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California. Saving, excepting and excluding from said district all streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, crossings and places therein included and contained.

That said council under the authority conferred upon it by the provisions of that certain act of the Legislature of the State of California, approved April 7, 1911, and known as the "improvement Act of 1911," determines and declares that serial bonds shall be issued to represent the expenses of said proposed improvement, which said bonds shall be serial, extending over a period of nine (9) years from the second day of January next succeeding their date, and a bond shall be issued to represent each assessment of twenty-five (25) dollars or more remaining unpaid for thirty (30) days after the date of the warrant issued to the contractor, or five (5) days after the decision of said Council upon an appeal, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum of each bond shall be payable by coupon on the second day of January of each year after its date and until the whole is paid, and the interest shall be payable semi-annually by a coupon on the second days of January and July respectively of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum on all sums unpaid until the whole of said principal and interest is paid. Said Bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of said "Improvement Act of 1911."

And thereafter on the 14th day of January, 1918, by Resolution of Award No. 331, awarded the contract for said work to the lowest responsible bidder, to-wit: To J. E. Staniger, at the prices named for said work in his proposal on file, namely:

FOR STREET WORK

For Excavating..$ .35 per cubic yard
For Filling.....$ .10 per cubic yard
For Paving with Concrete Base and Paint Top..$ .1275 per square foot
For Cement Sidewalks.....$ .13 per square foot
For Gutters.....$ .13 per square foot
For Curbing.....$ .40 per linear foot
For Culverts 4x24..$ 2.50 per lineal foot
For 8 in. Pipe..$ 1.30 per linear foot
For Wingwalls...$ 1.75 per linear foot
For Catch Basin.....$6.00 each
For Curb Bars...$ .35 per linear foot

Said award has been duly approved by the Mayor of the City of Richmond.

Dated January 15, 1918

C. FARIS,
City Clerk of City of Richmond.
(Seal.)

Jan. 16-17

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Robert Thornby, the cleverest Paramount director who has been responsible for many attractive photoplays, has outdone himself on Vivian Martin's newest picture, "Molly Entangled," which is an Irish story written by Edith Kennedy. He seems to have caught the very spirit of Ireland, not only n the bewitching, captivating person of the small star, to whom the part is eminently suited, but also in the entire production which abounds in scenes of unusual and fetching beauty. "Molly Entangled" will be shown at the Richmond Theatre today and tomorrow.

Married to the wrong man, who refuses to expire at the appointed time, all the while loving big Irish Barney—such is the fate of Vivian Martin in "Molly Entangled." It sounds o bit gruesome. In reality it isn't, however, only appealingly funny and quaint and lovable.

Lodges Will Hold Joint Installation

January 18 is the date set for the joint installation of officers for the Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen lodges by committees from the two lodges, at a meeting held last night. The affair will take place in Woodmen Hall and, because of the enlarged membership rolls of the two orders, it is planned to make this the best and biggest installation night they have ever known. A fine program of music and recitations has been prepared, as well as some exhibition drill work. In conformation with the requests of the food administration, there will be no banquet, but this deficiency will be made up in other ways.

Mrs. Nettie Bonner will put on the work of installation for the Royal Neighbors, and a crack drill team from San Francisco will put on the work for the Modern Woodmen.

The committee from the Royal Neighbor lodge is composed of Mesdames Elizabeth Bennett, Ethel Wells, Mary Conway, Irene Smith and Marie Ripley. The committee from the Modern Woodmen is composed of E. Foster, A. O. Bennett, W. H. Mallory.

Boys Organize Kappa Sigma Pi

An undenominational fraternity called the "Kappa Sigma Pi," composed of boys of the age of 12 years and up, was organized at the First Christian church under the direction of Rev. Thomas A. Boyer, who was appointed to this by Grand Chaplain Rev. David H. Jemison of Cinninnati, Ohio, Monday night. The orianization will elect its own officers and carry on its own business. Similar organizations as this are being formed in many cities of the United States and are taking the place in an admirable way of the Y. . C. A.

Twenty-five boys were enrolled as "charter" members and the following officers were elected: Chancellor, Harry Wilkerson; vice-chancellor, Roswell Penry; scribe, Philip Barry; purser, Raymond Bowers, constable, James McCoy; sentinel, Hawkins Wilkerson. Other officers yet to be elected are chief musician, tentmaker, Gamaliel and Stephen.

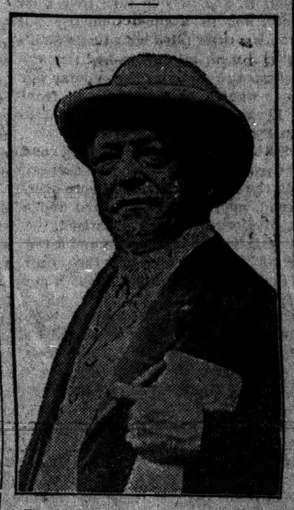
Another meeting will be held next Monday night in the church. All boys are invited, regardless of their church connections.

Explosion License Now Required

Art C. Faris, city clerk, has been appointed by the government to sell licenses to all dealers and users of explosives in and around Richmond. Stores that deal in explosives, foremen of gangs that use powder, and buyers of the stuff must from now on have a license. Shot gun and rifle cartridges are not included.

This move on the part of the government was induced by the ease in which alien enimies, I. W. W's. and others could obtain dynamite and other evxplosives in their nefarious activities.

SAMUEL GOMPERS



President of the American Federation of Labor, who has shown heartiest co-operation with the shipping board in trying to solve the shortage of labor

Eight hundred Richmond residents have already registered under the new 1918 registration law and the names have been forwarded to County Clerk Wells. Cit Clerk Faris is in charge of the deputies of registration of this district.

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RESOLUTION

Of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County Endorsing the Administration of Supervisor Vincent Hook

Monday, October 15th, 1917.

The following resolution was presented by Supervisor J. P. Casey, and seconded by Supervisor Zeb Knott, and adopted by the following vote of the Board, to-wit:

Ayes: Supervisors Zeb Knott, J. P. Casey, W. J. Buchanan and J. H. Trythall.

Noes: None. Supervisor Hook not voting.

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of October, 1917, o petition seeking the recall of Vincent Hook, a member of this Board and the incumbent of the office of Supervisor of the Third Supervisorial District of the County, from said office, was filed with the County Clerk of said County;

AND WHEREAS, said petition alleges that said Vincent Hook is incompetent and not qualified to hold said office and has failed and neglected to attend to and perform the duties of said office, and has wasted the funds of said District;

AND WHEREAS; the said Vincent Hook has for eleven years, been a member of this Board, and for eight years been a member of the Finance Committee of this Board during all of which time he has regularly, faithfully, and efficiently performed the duties of his office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Board of Supervisors has full confidence in the ability, integrity and efficiency of the said Vincent Hook, and that said Board deplores the fact that the said Vincent Hook has become the object of an unwarranted attack by his political enemies.—

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of said Board of Supervisors on the date aforesaid.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors.

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Convict Escapes from San Quentin

Alfred L. Sells, serving his third term in San Quentin prison for murder, escaped from that institution at 6:30 yesterday afternoon and had not been captured up to a late hour last night. The fugitive is of fair complexion, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 138 pounds, and is 39 years of age. He was in for life.

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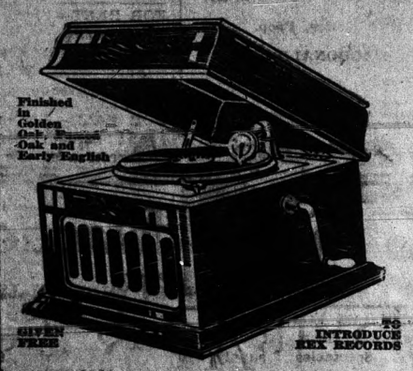
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Miss Axelson Surprised by Party

A surprise party was tendered Miss Mable Axelson at the Axelson home at 143 fifeventh street last Saturday night by a number of her school friends. The young people passed the evening in games, music and dancing. Refreshments were served and a really pleasant evening enoyed by those present, who were: Misses Rietha Dreyspring, Cora Coakley, Evelyn Anderson, Marion McMinnimin, Carmen Kinny, Maud Henry, Helen Axelson, Muriel Fitzpatrick, Anna Axelson Liberty Wing, Clara Hartnett, Eleanor Axelson, Berwin Bradley and Messrs. Carol George, Wm. Brunette, Emmett McLaughlin, Franklin Brooks, Oliver Thorgersen, Roy Hanhen, Roy Mock, Charles Britchman, Clarence Follinger, Howard Lemoin, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Hartnett, Mr. and Mrs. Axelson.

Local Lads In Mixup With Germans

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piece, or anything like it, and about that time one of the soldier boys landed on him good and hard. The fuss was quieted for the time being, however, and the young men went away.

But the more they thought about it the madder they got, and so they told some other soldiers and sailors about it, and they in turn told a lot more, and in a short time the Hof Brau was well filled with Uncle Sam's fighting men, all determined that the orchestra should play the popular war tunes wanted or else the west front in France would be transferred to San Francisco.

Still the musicians refused, and then the fun did begin in earnest, with the result that tables were overturned, many things smashed and a lot of Germans were chastised. A riot call brought the police and a few arrests were made, but the affair was quieted and nothing about it got into the city papers.

Only one of the Richmond boys shows any the worse for wear, and he is a street car man with his mit done up in bandages.

The Hof Brau is one of the best cafes in San Francisco. The service there is of the best, but it is German from one end to the other. Only German waiters are employed, and it has the reputation of being pro-German, whether it is or not. Of course it has a right to play its own music, and not to play music other people may request, but it would seem, under the present war circumstances, that it was poor policy for the musicians to make a break of that kind. The action of the young soldiers and sailors cannot be upheld, as it was disorderly and unlawful, but just the same, if the episode had happened in Berlin instead of San Francisco, it is not a good bet that some Americans would not have been more or less hurt.

Y. M. I. TO BE INSTALLED

Officers for the coming year will be installed this evening at a meeting of the Oakland district Y. M. I. in U. P. C. Hall at Seventh street and Henry avenue, Oakland. The Burke Council of Richmond is a part of this jurisdiction.

Officers of the local council who will be installed on this occasion are Rev. Father M. McLaughlin, chaplain; J. Riordan, president; D. Sullivan, first vice-presidtnt; Ed. Kenney, second vice-president; Stephen Mayer, recording and corresponding secretary; Ed. Filloon, financial secretary; J. Shinnick, teasurer; Dan Murphy, marshal; Martin Gtzo, inside sentinel; C. Riordan, outside sentinel; executive committee, Mr. Bradley, J. Wagner and P. F. Galligan.

According to Principal B. X. Tucker of the Richmond High School, military training is to be a regular part of the physical training in the school.. The state law allows its substitution as a part of the regular physical work, and this makes it a part of the school cerriculum. One hundred boys have enrolled for the training.

THINKOGRAPHIC BRAIN STORMS

The other day, after two or three irate citizens had been in to register heir protests because they did not agree with my editorial policies, and an unusual number of kicks came in over the phone, from people who did not get their paper, or did not want to get it, or disagreed with it, and having caught cold sloshing around all hours of the night in the rain, I sat down to this old Colorado stamp-mill of a typewriter and tried to grind out some dope on the beauties of the Brotherhood of Man, feeling at the same time that I would rather swat the pestefferous son-of-a-gun with a double-bitted meat ax than be caught dead being a brother to him. So the article had more vinegar than honey in it, and the Brotherhood was all hambergered, like Otto Ludewig's sausage, so I fired it at the ever-yawning wastt basket, put on hat and coat and started out to walk off the krouch, wondering why the Good Lord had put so many ornery cusses on this earth for, anyhow.

I hadn't got more than a block until a little middle-aged lady stopped me and shook hands, saying: "I have been wanting to tell you how much I enjoy reading your paper, and also that lots of people have told me that they like it just fine. There is something about the editorials that impresses one as being sincere and honest and coming from the heart."

Well, say! I guess I must have grinned like a blitherind idiot, because what the little lady said made me feel real good, and I thanked her, and took off my hat, and told her I was mighty glad somebody liked it, as quite a sprinkling did not, and did not hesitate to say so, while the others never dd say to the contrary, or anything.

And so I turned back to the office, and derned if the sun did not break through the clouds and fog, and evtrything seemed a bit brighter, and the old shop was not quite so dingy, and when I started in to write again I found that I had learned a new lesson about the Brotherhood of Man, and that was that if I would say a few kind words to him it would help a whole lot, and that if we would all do the same there would be much more Brotherhood of Man going on than there is.

The next time I see some guy building a brick chimney I am going up the ladder and tell him that it is the best chimney I ever saw, and that it is wonderful that he can make it stand up so straight, instead of being crooked like some political records are.

DRUNKEN AUTOISTS SPEEDING HELLWARDS

A few days ako eight men and women of Oakland and San Francisco came to grief on a county road near Walnut Creek, overturning their speeding car and nearly killing all of them. Several are not expected to live. One says that all he remembers is that they stopped at seven different roadhouses in this county for drinks. That is enough.

Since then a similar death-dealing accident happened out of Oakland, two deputy constables being ipmlicated, one of which has disappeared. Several may die, and for the good of the world it is probably to be hoped they all die. The trouble is that these crazy drunken fools tearing up the roads all over the country at all hours of the night are just as liable to kill other people as they are themselves.

Surely laws can be enacted to put a stop to this murder, and surely officials can be elected who will enforce the laws, and surely the rotten roadhouses that make these fools drunk can be closed. It is a disgrace to the country.

Thomas Brady, charged with failure to provide, is held under $500 cash bail at the police station. The amount was set by Judge Jacobs yesterday morning.



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PROGRESS ALL ALONG LINE

Establishment of Maximum Workday for Adult Males Sure to Come—Matter of Retirement Systems Being Given Consideration.

The establishment of a minimum workday for adult males is a movement of slow growth, but it continues to progress. The question of social insurance also continues to receive attention, not only in that aspect of it which is covered by workmen's compensation laws, but also in the extension of provisions for the relief of widowed mothers unable to maintain homes for their children.

The above are conclusions reached by the United States bureau of labor statistics, in a review of the labor legislation of 1916, recently published in form of a bulletin of the department of labor. During that year the legislatures of 11 states, the Philippines and Porto Rico, and congress, met in regular session, besides which the legislatures of five states were called in extra session, that of Illinois thus meeting twice. With the exception of the extra sessions of South Dakota and Tennessee, laws or resolutions affecting labor were enacted or adopted by all of these bodies. There also was an extra session of the Maine legislature, called to approve a revision of the code of that state. The industrial commissions and like bodies in a number of states also issued orders or regulations having the force of laws. Maine also, in 1916, ratified the act of legislature of 1916, limiting the work of women and children to a maximum of 54 hours a week, and the veto of the antitipping law of Tennessee, enacted in 1915, was declared to be void, in 1916, and it now is in force.

The state of Massachusetts has made provision for retirement systems for various classes of employees of the state, the persons affected being given the option of accepting or rejecting the provisions of the laws, a date having been set prior to which the choice should be made. An act supplemental to this provides that persons who had rejected the retirement provisions in the past but who had changed their minds might "come in" during 1916 by giving a prescribed notice. In the Philippines provisions are made for the retirement of permanent officers and employees in the civil service after six years of service, if such retirement is not prejudicial to the operation of the bureau affected. The benefit is a limited one, consisting of various percentages of the basic salary, according to the term of service, payable for a period of but three years; in case of death of the beneficiary before this period has been completed the unpaid balance goes to the estate.

Liability for Injuries.

A long-standing classification has placed as one of the incidents of the employment status the inability of the employer for injuries befalling employees on account of the former's negligence. The present-day movement toward workmen's compensation tends to transfer that subject to the field of social insurance, though obviously the method of compensation awards is the substitute for, and successor of, the liability system. In two states, however, none of which has as yet any compensation legislation, laws were enacted prescribing the liability of railroad companies for injuries to their workmen. In both these states, Virginia and South Carolina, the law enacted follows closely the provisions of the federal statute governing interstate commerce. The particular respects in which this is true are the abrogation of defense of fellow service, in the enactment of the principle of comparative negligence, and in the denial to the employer of the defenses of contributory negligence and assumed risks where there is a violation of safety laws. In both laws also contracts of waiver are forbidden. The South Carolina statute provides that punitive damages shall not be recovered under the act, while that of Virginia limits its operations to steam roads for general traffic only, electric lines and mine and mill roads not being included.

Wages.

Legislative regulations affecting wages address themselves mainly to the securing of payment of the amounts of wages agreed upon in the contract of employment, only exceptionally concerning themselves with the question of what these amounts shall be. This rule has been varied in a number of states, however, by prescriptions of the amounts to be paid for labor on public works. The legislature of Maryland provides that for work on the public roads of Allegany county the minimum amount payable shall be $2 for a day of nine hours; overtime may be worked in case of emergency, with pro rata pay for the excess over nine hours. A similar effect as to overtime is contemplated in the federal statute establishing an eight-hour day as the standard working day, not restricting overtime work, but directing that any excess over eight hours shall be paid for by a pro rata addition to the regular daily rate.

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CHURCH WHIST PARTY

Ladies of the Lady of Mercy church will give a whist party in the church hall next Friday evening, to which the public is very cordially invited. A long list of very useful prizes will be offered. The committee to have charge of the evening is composed of Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Neu and Mrs. Kenney.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

Members of the Richmond W. C. T. U. surprised Mrs. Kate Miller 225 Fourth street, yesterday afternoon by calling on her with their arms loaded down with good things to eat. The surprise party was for Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Grace Rhoades, both members of the W. C. T. U., and terminated very successfully. The afternoon was passed in games, music and the serving of refreshments. The ladies who planned the afternoon were Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Clara Wilson.

Next Tuesday is the next meeting day of the W. C. T. U. and unless it will be possible to meet in the Christian church, the ladies will gather at the home of Mrs. Miller, 225 Fourth street.

Pete Alameda, of San Pablo, had a leg amputated at the Craven Hospital two months ago, and is now just able to be out and to return to his home. He has been under the care of Dr. U. S. Abbott and the operation has been succesful all the way through.

E. S. Fish, a conductor on the S. F. O. T. lines, is the proud father of twin boys, born yesterday at the Abbott Emergency hospital, under the care of Dr. Abbott. Mother and babies are doing fine.

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